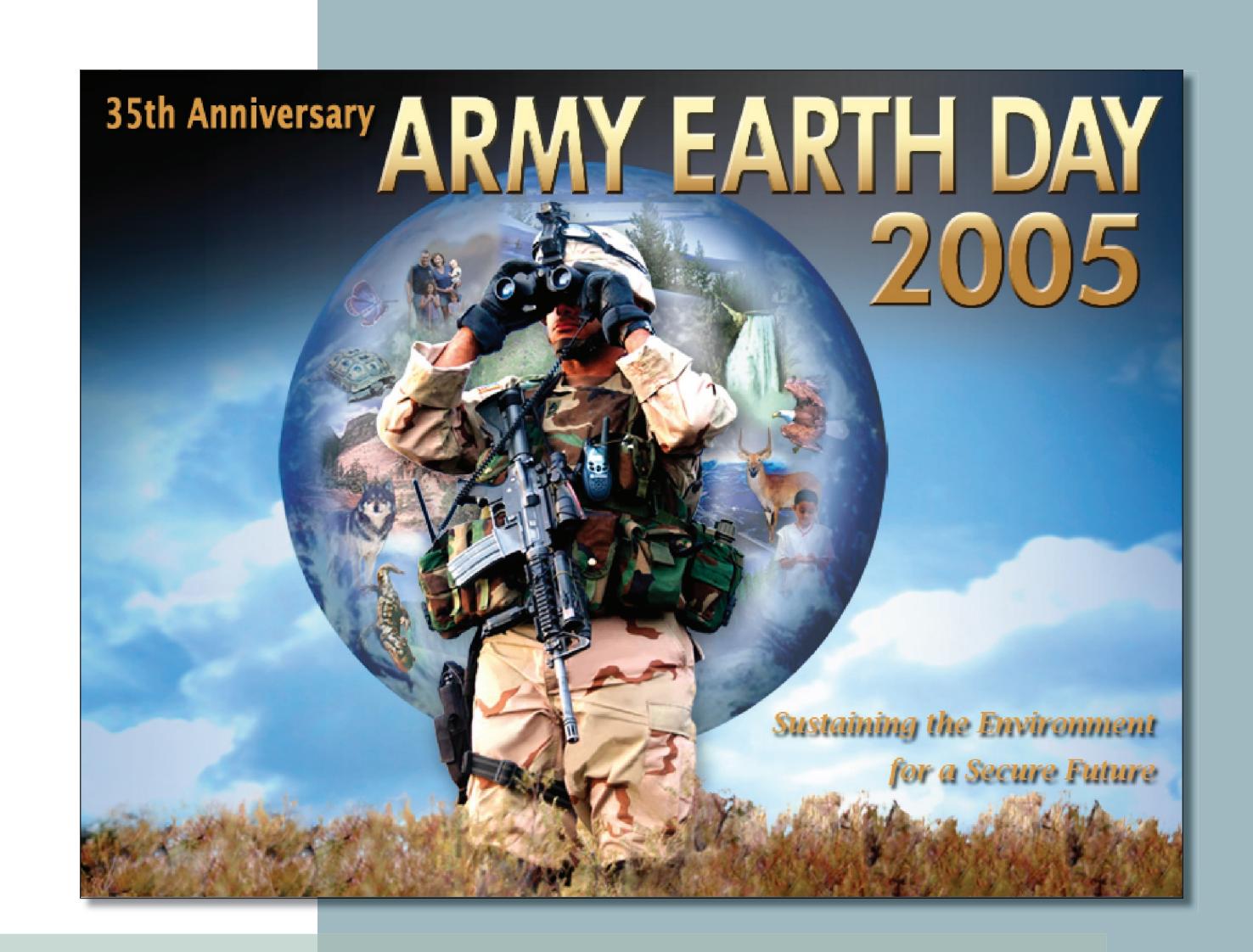
SEMS Goal #3

Improve communication to foster understanding and attain a "Community of One"



Questions:

How could Fort Carson, and specifically the Public Affairs Office, obtain dedicated community journalism professionals to help further sustainability in the region and the "Community of One" goal?

How can the Public Affairs Office leverage its media influence to enhance Fort Carson community partnerships?



Accomplishments:

- Invited the news media to 126 Fort Carson events covering a wide variety of topics.
- Supported 266 community events such as the Cripple Creek Veterans Motorcycle Rally and Parade.
- Conducted several tours of Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) for elected officials and other stakeholders.





(top) Earth Day/Arbor Day tree planting.

(bottom) Fort Carson National Night Out.

Future Initiatives:

- Conduct public opinion surveys in surrounding communities to measure attitudes toward the Army and Fort Carson, awareness of key command messages, and to gain a better understanding of the biggest concerns the public has regarding Fort Carson.
- Use a wide variety
 of media (TV, radio,
 print, and Internet)
 to communicate with
 Soldiers and the
 community.
- Continue to provide
 Installation tours,
 speakers for
 community events,
 community involvement
 meetings such as the
 Restoration Advisory
 Board, and one-on one meetings with
 stakeholders.



Fort Carson Community Relations tour group.



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